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COUNTY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Superior Judge..... Wm. S. Wells
County Clerk..... J. E. Rodgers
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Treasurer..... Geo. Wiley
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County Surveyor..... Elam Brown
Superintendent of Schools..... A. A. Bailey
County Physician..... E. E. Brown
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Regular meetings, first Monday of every month.
First District..... P. Tormey, Rodeo
Second District..... J. M. Stowe, Walnut Creek
Third District..... E. J. Randall, Concord
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Fifth District..... J. D. Wightman, Lone Tree

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

John Bermingham, Jr., M. Murray, B. W. Stevens,
A. McDonald, W. A. Ray.

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. McCullough..... Marshal
Sam. Bermingham..... Treasurer
S. S. McKinley..... Recorder
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POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from
3 to 6 p. m.
The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12
a. m. and 5:20 p. m.
Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at
8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For
Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger
8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m.,
Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Mar-
tinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.
Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m.,
7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.
Bakersfield passenger stops every day.
Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in
San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Pas-
senger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m.
Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez
Passenger 7:00 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m.
4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

SANTA FE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Fran-
cisco as follows:
No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No.
7, 5:05 p. m.
Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35
a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:
No. 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m.,
No. 56, 8 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m.
9 15 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Fred Mayer was at San Pablo weighing
sulphur last week.

John Bermingham, Jr., was a Martinez
visitor Friday.

Mr. Weller of the Bay Counties Power
Company was in Pinole Friday.

Mrs. Baker caught four fine striped bass
from the C. P. W. Wharf last Sunday.

Thanksgiving day was observed in
a quiet manner at Hercules it was a gen-
eral holiday on the works.

Work on the excavation for the ad-
ditional packing house on the flat has
been completed.

Henry Boysen, Geo. Shepard, W. Mil-
ler and Harry Friedlander spent Thanks-
giving day in San Francisco.

Ralph Robison is taking down the elec-
tric fixtures at the San Pablo wells. The
test being finished.

Chas. Lehmkuhl and Leo Kincannon
were shooting ducks Sunday from a blind
with very good success.

The genial countenance of Jack Box
was seen at the club rooms Sunday. The
boys greatly enjoyed his visit.

Billy Hanson enjoyed a day's shooting
at Giant Sunday and returned with a
dozen or more birds.

McKay and Lawrence bagged twenty-
eight blue bills from Wm. Bacon's blind
last Sunday.

The trout season closed on the 1st of
November, and it will be unlawful to take
this specie of fish until the 1st of next
April.

John Madden was convicted by a jury
in the Superior Court of burglary in the
1st degree. He entered a saloon in Dan-
ville.

Mrs. M. A. Rice went to the city Fri-
day morning to be with her son, Mr.
Archie Rice who will soon undergo a
sergical operation.

Dr. Gardiner of San Francisco and
L. N. Butner of Port Costa, enjoyed some
fine shooting Sunday from Supt. Ber-
mingham's blind.

Mr. Boardman, a well known sport of
San Francisco, was shooting ducks from
the blind of O. P. Athey Saturday. He
had a good time and met with fair success.

Arthur Annis, Bert Pendleton and Her-
man Koppen shot at the Rodeo dam Sun-
dam. They got a mixed bag of 19 birds
consisting of pin tails, mallard and can-
vasback.

Clyde Berryman of the shell house and
Tom Davenport of the printing depart-
ment, spent Thanksgiving in Martinez.
While there Mr. Berryman received some
information which may lead to an inter-
esting piece of news under the head of
matrimonial which the readers of this
paper will be informed of later, and her
name isn't Maud either. We will say
nothing further at the present time, only
that we return thanks to the young lady
in Martinez who put Mr. Berryman wise.

Leo Kincannon who was burned by
guncotton is again at work.

L. E. Butner of Port Costa, visited
Hercules on Thursday and Saturday last.

Fred Gilke is improving rapidly from
his recent accident and is able to be about.

Pat McKenna was called to San Fran-
cisco Tuesday on account of the death of
his cousin at St. Mary's Hospital.

Gardiner Mann has a force of men fix-
ing up the flower sign on the hill above
the watchman's gate.

Sam Bermingham, Ray Murphy and
Joe Marx were in 'Frisco Wednesday
of last week.

Mike Nugent, who is ill with tonsilitis,
was removed to St. Mary's Hospital on
Monday. Mr. John Collins accompanied
him.

L. P. Evans is getting to be a great
pedestrian. He negotiated ten miles on
Thanksgiving day before eating his tur-
key, but after that he didn't do much
walking.

Alex. McClain will soon be on the pay
roll of the California Powder Works.
He worked all the afternoon of the
28th instant with Mr. Mann, and he
is a worker from away back.

The annual election of officers of Her-
cules Lodge No. 21, K. of P. will take
place on Saturday evening, Dec. 3d. C.
E. Houck, C. C., C. L. Townes, K. of R.
and S.

Mrs. B. W. Stevens returned last
Thursday from a two month's visit to
the Eastern states. Mrs. Stevens en-
joyed herself greatly during her visit,
but was glad to get back to the land of
sunshine and flowers.

The rain of Saturday night prevented
the baseball game between the Haywards
and Hercules nines which was advertised
to be played at Hercules Park last Sun-
day, much to the disappointment of every-
body.

Stolen or taken by mistake from Fer-
nandez wharf Friday night, November
25th, one green, flat bottom, double
seated, open deck row boat, also one
dozen decoys and one pair oars. All in-
formation will be gladly received by T.
L. Bennett, Pinole. Reward offered.

Dr. Keys' father who came up from
San Francisco to enjoy a duck hunt last
week, met with a painful accident while
out in a blind with his son. His gun
burst near the breech, and the little finger
of his left hand was so badly shattered
that it had to be amputated, which opera-
tion was performed by Dr. Keys.

The tendency of the youth of Pinole
and vicinity to hoodlumism is remarkable.
Boys in this vicinity can have all the
harmless fun and amusement they de-
sire without reverting to coarseness and
rowdiness. These boys have a chance to
learn a trade or to become engaged in the
different chemical departments on the
works, but they do not seem to care for
the future. Take a brace boys, be a gen-
tleman and cut out the rowdiness, you'll
find it will pay big.

There will be a smoker at the club
rooms for members only next Saturday
evening.

A pile driver and crew have been at
work on the C. P. W. Wharf and vicini-
ty during the past week.

A. Greenfield has something to say
about holiday goods in his new ad. in
another column to which your attention
is called for particulars.

Jack Hall enjoyed some good shooting
from his blind in front of the magazine
last Sunday, and came within one of bag-
ging the limit.

Mr. W. H. Baker served a swell turkey
dinner to the employes of the California
Powder Works who were unfortunate
enough to be obliged to stay at the works
on Thanksgiving.

It rained again Monday and you got
your feet wet going to work Tuesday
morning. That's how you got your cold.
It is cheaper to buy rubber boots than pay
doctor's bills. See Quinn & Broder
right away and get a pair.

Frank Moore and R. K. Smith went up
to Elmira last Saturday in R. K's buck-
board auto. They returned Monday
with as many geese and ducks as they
could carry, which they distributed
among their many friends. They ran out
of shells or they could have bagged many
more, as Saturday and Sunday were ideal
days for duck shooting at Elmira.

HERBERTZ-DEAN BOUT.

The boxing exhibition given at Pinole
last Friday evening was the best given
under the management of Mr. Jas. Silvas,
and was well patronized by the local
sports. Much interest was shown in the
preliminaries as one of the contestants,
Cunec, is a local pug and shows much
promise of doing something in the ring in
the near future. He certainly showed
himself to be a cyclone and with proper
training will make a showing with the
best of them in his class.

Herbertz, of the Crockett Reliance Club,
has always been a favorite with the
local sports, and betting was two to one
on him in the ten-round go, but Jack
Dean of San Francisco was there to meet
him with the goods every time. Both
men put up a splendid fight and the de-
cision of draw rendered by the referee at
the end of the tenth round met with the
approval of the spectators.

Rodeo was well represented at the fight,
and Mayor Mahoney succeeded in placing
quite a wad on Herbertz at odds of two
to one.

Wm. Murray, in his usual genial man-
ner acted as annoucer.

Before the main event took place, Joe
Lavigne stepped into the ring and form-
ally challenged the winner.

The Castro-Jess bout was a one sided
affair. Jess needs training badly.

The Cunec-Lavigne bout was a series
of rushes from start to finish, and kept
the spectators in good humor during the
four rounds. Cunec is training for a ten-
round contest to take place in the near
future.

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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 1, 1904

FROM all accounts Spider Kelley's ball was a huge success.

TOMMY has gone South. We predicted something like this a while back.

SAN FRANCISCO is climbing up in the league pennant race but will probably finish third. They have just struck a winning gait after playing poorly all season.

STANFORD football team defeated Colorado University on Thanksgiving day by a score of 33 to 0.

Berkeley played a 6 to 6 tie game with the University of Washington.

MAJOR DELMAR, the great gelding trotter, 2.01 1/4 was sold to the owner of Lou Dillon, the greatest mare of the age, with a record also of 2.01 1/4. These two horses will be raced against their own time until retired.

VACAVILLE is to have a militia company in the near future. The same will be designated as Co. 1, Second Infantry. Out of nine applications from as many towns Vacaville succeeded in securing the company. Hon. W. S. Killingsworth will probably be commissioned Captain.

It is a bigger job than ever Hearst tackled before the so-called reorganization of the Democratic party. The Democratic party is OK if left alone. It got along all right in California until Hearst introduced his personality into it and then it went backward. It is not reorganization that the Democratic party wants, it is a good old fashioned house cleaning.

A SLAP AT SOCIALISM.

At a recent meeting of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco, President Gompers took occasion to denounce the Socialists in no kind terms. When a man of Gompers's standing makes such accusations as he did he must know of what he is talking. Yet the local Socialists claim that Socialism is the panacea of all the ills the body politic is affected with. We think Gompers has them going South. We will be glad to air the Socialist's reply from some of our local talent.

ALL sorts of rumors are afloat as to what the Republican Board of Supervisors will do in the way of patronage. They will of course fill the offices with good, honest Republicans and no Democrat will receive any consideration. The people want a clean slate and they are going to be given it. No more \$1.80 tax rate with this new Board. Not on your life.

THE American Federation of Labor Convention which recently met in San Francisco, adopted a resolution favoring the exclusion of Japanese from immigration to the United States on the same lines as that which governs immigration of Chinese. This is a matter that should be looked to at once, for if the Chinese were a menace to white labor on the Pacific coast, the little brown men are a far greater one. They not only come in direct conflict with the American laborer, but they are becoming competitors to white merchants in an alarming degree in the city of San Francisco as well as many of the interior cities of this State, and where four years ago but 2,000 Japs were to be found on the coast, there are now 25,000 estimated to be employed throughout the union. This class once established will be a very undesirable element as well as a difficult competitor to cope with, as they are content to live in a hovel and can subsist on the cheapest of foods. They are shrewd, imitative and persevering, and quickly become acquainted with American customs, while at the same time they take no interest in the affairs of our government or public enterprises. We do not desire to be brought on a level with the Caucasian race, and the best way to avoid any likelihood of such a state of affairs being brought about is to nip this approaching evil in the bud by making the resolution above referred to a law.

Battling Nelson proved his right to that title on Tuesday night in Woodward's Pavilion in San Francisco when he won from Young Corbett in ten rounds, and administered to him such a beating that Corbett had to be taken to the emergency hospital for repairs. Britt is the next that Nelson will take on, probably some time this month.

RODEO NEWS.

A number of Rodeo boys took in the fight at Pinole Saturday night.

Philip Sobrante is thinking of raffling the boat off that he won last week.

Gertie Plantz was visiting friends at Rodeo Sunday.

C. Silva and Gus Koppen brought the two belles back to Pinole Sunday night.

Mrs. A. Waugh and F. Waugh of San Francisco spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. F. Marasca.

Joe Delmonte returned from Black Diamond last Wednesday.

Miss L. Nugent of San Francisco was visiting her sister Mrs. Curren Sunday.

We wonder who machinist Joe was talking to so long at the S. P. depot Sunday night.

Chas. Catt and Howard Jones of Tormey were taking snap shots near Hercules Sunday.

Manuel Joseph's new broncho is pretty well broke in now and he says he will take all the belles out for a ride.

Howard Poinsett of Pinole paid Rodeo a visit Sunday.

We wonder who turns Al. Barton's bed upside down every night.

May Jacks was visiting friends at Pinole Sunday.

Oscar Cardosa of Haywards was visiting friends at Rodeo Sunday. Oscar has been away for many years and was scarcely known by his most intimate friends.

Fred Gaskell, an old resident of Rodeo passed away last Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Deceased was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. His remains were shipped to Stockton on Wednesday for interment.

A. Paganini, Joe and Mike Delmonte spent Sunday in Benici visiting friends.

Frank and Mike Delmonte attended the high jinks last Saturday night in Vallejo given by the I. O. R. M.

Frank Delmonte has completed a fine duck boat for Constable Moiles of Crockett.

THAT BASEBALL GAME.

There will be a hot game of baseball at Hercules Park next Sunday between the machinists and pencil drivers which will no doubt outclass anything for fun that has been witnessed this season. Following is the line up for both teams:

Machinists	Pencil Drivers
W. Miller.....c.....	Jerry McDonald
J. Kearney.....p.....	J. Birmingham, Jr
J. Hanson.....1st b.....	H. Boysen
H. Veale.....2d b.....	Tom Bennett
J. Currar.....s.s.....	Fred Theis
W. Lawrence.....3d b.....	Bill Mayer
L. Filtz.....l. f.....	Sam Birmingham
J. R. Box.....r. f.....	Fred Mayer
H. Poinsett.....c. f.....	W. Ingersoll
C. Chaquett, sub p.....	Fred McDonald, ex
Geo. Horne, M'gr.....	H. Boysen, M'gr
Aug. Hanson, mascot.....	L. Balliet, mascot
Umpire—H. McCullough.	

Game called at 2:15 sharp. Admission free.

Have you seen the latest in gent's head gear. Quinn & Broder has got 'em.

MARTINEZ NOTES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

R. A. Fraser of San Francisco spent Thanksgiving with his sister Mrs. Bragdon.

J. L. Wittenmyer, who was called home by the death of his father, returned to Santa Barbara on Thursday.

Mrs. Bragg, wife of the Superintendent of the Bull's Head Oil Works, died on Friday morning after a brief illness. The funeral was held on Monday and the interment was in Oakland.

Mrs. E. M. Taylor and Miss Marcia Taylor of Alameda spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ulsh.

Union Thanksgiving services were held by the Congregational, Methodist and Episcopal Churches in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening last.

The Glorietta Swimming Club was entertained at the home of Emil Honneger on Saturday evening last.

Dr. Rattan left on Friday for Seattle where he will remain some time for the benefit of his health.

The masquerade given by the Martinez Brass Band on Thanksgiving eve in the Alhambra Mineral Water building was a very successful affair. There were about one hundred couples in costume and a large number of spectators. The prizes were awarded as follows: To Miss Hattie Rogers and Con. Brown for the handsomest costumes, to Miss Lizzie Lucden and Louis Bonzagni, for the best sustained characters, and to Mr. and C. Coombs for the most original costumes. Over one hundred dollars was cleared by the band.

Mrs. A. L. Hewitt went to Berkeley on Tuesday to visit her daughter Mrs. Ed. Simpson.

Had a Cow for Sale.

Bill Nye, the humorist, once had a cow for sale, the story goes, and advertised her as follows: "Owing to my ill health, I will sell at my residence, township 19, range 18, according to the government survey, one plush raspberry cow, aged 8 years. she is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home by stay chain, but she will be sold to anyone who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth shorthorn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double barrel shotgun, which goes with her. In May she generally goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall, red calf with wabby legs. Her name is Rose. I would sell her to a non-resident."

Been hunting yet? Lots of ducks flying now. Quinn & Broder can furnish you with all the ammunition you need. All grades of C. P. W. shotgun shells.

LOUIE EXPLANATIONS WHAT A "DING BAT" ISS.

DIER EDITUR: Since we organishonmet der Inderpendent Order of "Ding Bats" for Hercolees I have been inquirement of by many peoples by der club of what "Ding Bat" iss, und so dier Mac Santa Cruz, by der proper manipulification of der columns of ther Hercolees Nuse, together with last years almnac, I mid pleasurably will endeavorment to make myself, what is Louie, an understoodment on der "Ding Bat" agitationment. A "Ding Bat" what iss, is always a "Ding Bat," he is kindness und gentlement when not arousement to argumentation, but is not a heathen what some tellers, suppositions, und he cannot fly although he associationment very close-ment to ducks, und he not have feathers but sometimes have whiskers what iss, und can walk on dry land und swim on der water. "Ding Bats" feed on ducks und enjoyment liquid refreshments, und as I before statement are peaceably und gentlement when steam beer und ducks are plentiment, but under a scarcement of his native requirements, he becomes dangerous, and bellow like a bull calf when he goeth forth to seek what he can devourment. The "Ding Bat" is not consideredmet migratory und can generally be locationment at the club house, where they flock mid themselves, but they have occasionally been heard of at Rodeo dam where it is thought that they go for fresh water. John he information me that Darwin, what is great French elocutionist, is of the opinionment that "Ding Bats" is a cross between an elephantus and the link what is missing, und what have stomicks stronger than an ostrich. I am of the thoughtfulness that John und Darwin is right by my own personal obsifications. Now dier editur, mid hopement that I have explanishoned to the readers mid clearness und a perfect understoodment of myself by der "Ding Bats" midout disgustification, und mid der thankfulness of myself und John for the privication, I am ever mid you Mac Santa Cruz mid affectionment,

LOUIE.

CARELESS SHOOTING.

The last two Sundays some foolhardy parties, old enough to know better, have been shooting on the bay at decoys with rifles while the hunters are in the blinds only a short distance away. Last Sunday one bullet struck a decoy and glancing passed through the blind within a foot of the occupant. These parties have been warned of the danger of shooting promiscuously with a rifle on the water and if it is not stopped legal action will be taken to put them out of reach of firearms. The State supports a couple of institutions for this class, one at Agnews and the other at Stockton. It is not a pleasant sensation to sit quietly and hear a bullet whistle within a few feet of one's head. This William Tell business should be stopped at once.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Caroline S Brandt to E. M. Downer—Described 3 acres, Rancho El Pinole; \$10. Point Richmond Development Co. to W. Scott Bennison—Lot 40 in block 50, amended map of Bay View Tract; \$10. Richmond Land Co. to Louisa Matoza—Lots 12 and 13 in block 51, City of Richmond; \$10.

THE COMPETITIVE DRILL.

By a very small margin, 2 3/4 per cent, the degree team of Samoset tribe No. 22 defeated the Shenandoah tribe team in their competitive drill last Saturday night at Vallejo. In the floor and ritual work, Shenandoah team beat them hands down, but in the dramatic effect they were handled without gloves. By a special agreement of the two teams their costumes were not to count, as Samoset team had a new set of very swell costumes, while Shenandoah team had but their old suits which have seen three years service. But the judges overlooking the agreement, or misunderstanding it, gave Samoset team credit for their much better appearance. L. M. Wheeler was the drill master. Following is the line up of both teams:

Shenandoah	Samoset
E. W. Robison.....	Sachem.....
T. Bennett.....	R. J. Jones
G. A. Ferrier.....	S. Sagamore.....
F. G. Mayer.....	J. McDonough
W. Mayer.....	Prophet.....
J. Slater.....	J. E. Coulthouse
A. Barton.....	1st Sannap.....
Thos Scott.....	R. Mooney
J. Johnson.....	2d Sannap.....
H. Fraser.....	J. E. Jones
F. Bennett.....	Guard of Wig.....
R. N. Thode.....	C. Driscoll
E. E. Athey.....	1st Warrior.....
J. Wunderlick.....	A. Higlin
C. L. Townes.....	2d ".....
S. E. Mackay.....	3d ".....
G. B. Okerlund.....	4th ".....
Eckland & Townes.....	1st Brave.....
C. A. Houck.....	G. C. Smith
Carl Anderson.....	2d ".....
G. I. Hamblin.....	J. Feretti
	M. J. Belfrie
	F. Faber
	A. Martinez
	J. Donald
	Prop. men.....
	T. Bohlen
	A. Anderson
	J. E. Harris

Result of competition:
Shenandoah Samoset
87 per cent.....Floor Work.....85 per cent
96 ".....Ritual.....92 "
89 ".....Department.....91 "
76 ".....Dramatic effect.....90 "
347.....Total per cent.....358
86 3/4.....Average per cent.....89 1/2
A banquet followed the drill and everyone conced that Samoset tribe entertains royally.

A return drill will be given in Pinole in the near future, when Shenandoah tribe will be equipped with new costumes

Adolphus Weber has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Placer county for the murder of his relatives and the robbery of the Auburn Bank. The gallows are waiting for this worthy bird, and the sooner he dangles from the beam the better for humanity.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

How are you fixed for neckties? Quinn & Broder have some beauties.

Mrs. F. G. Mayer who has been quite ill during the past week is reported as better.

Why is the latest addition to the chemical staff seen so often in the library at noon time lately.

Patrons of the library are respectfully requested to read the notices recently tacked up in that place, and to profit thereby.

A large quantity of lumber arrived by schooner this week for the California Powder Works.

An epidemic of colds seems prevalent at the works, and most everyone has received a generous share.

Robert F. Booth has filed his contest of election against Ralph Harrison for the position of Supervisor in the Second district.—Martinez Press.

CHALLENGEMENT.

I Louie, what is me, und what is also Secretary of der "Ding Bats" what is, do hereby challengement the winner of the baseball game mid der shop machine men und der driver's pencil men next Sunday. We not playment for marbles or chalk what we not likement, but for a good duck supper and a fifteen gallon keg of steam beer what we do like, winner to take all. I be there Sunday mid my uplinement.

LOUIE BALLIET,
Secretary und Managementation.

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LODGE NOTICES

SHENENDOAH TRIBE, No. 121, I. O. R. M., meets every Wednesday night.
W. MAYER, Chief of Records. JOS. JOHNSON, Sachem.



HERCULES LODGE No. 21, K. OF P., meets every Saturday night at Foresters Hall, Pinole, Cal.
C. L. TOWNES, K. of R. & S. C. E. HOUCK, C. C.

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OF INTEREST TO SPORTSMEN.

An adjustable gun stock has recently been perfected and has been placed on a gun that is now in the market. The object of the device is to permit the raising and lowering of the stock to any desired angle or position, the change to be affected rapidly. The joint is made immediately back of the lock chamber, the end of which is made rounded or semi-circle in form with toothed or serrated edges on the sides. The outer, or smaller, end of the stock is made with a recess designed to receive the locking chamber and also supplied with teeth, which are for the purpose of holding the two surfaces rigidly together by a bolt topped off with a thumbscrew. When it is desired to make any change in the shape of the gun stock, all that is necessary is to unloosen this screw and the parts may then be adjusted to any desired position. This is a feature that will probably be appreciated by quite a few sportsmen, for there are some shooters of such shape and size that they would like to make some change in the shape or angle of the gun stock used by them. Heretofore this has been only possible by having a stock built to order, which, to many, is rather an expensive indulgence.—Breeder and Sportsman.

America May Acquire Papers of Columbus.

A movement is on foot in Paris to have the United States acquire the collection of private papers of Christopher Columbus, which is now in the possession of the Duke of Albe, who resides here. The existence of these priceless papers was recently brought to light through the researches of Henry Vignaud, secretary of the American embassy. He traced them from the death of Columbus through sixteen descendants to the present possessor. They embrace Columbus' log book and many other papers relating to his first voyage to America and also part of Columbus' library. The present Duke of Albe is a youth of 20, chiefly devoted to sports.

The color line appears to have been drawn in Reno, where the police force has been instructed to give the entire colored population twenty-four hours in which to clear out of the town. This action is taken on account of the numerous crimes charged to the colored population.—Truckee Republican.

Services are now regularly conducted at the Methodist Church by F. C. Gale. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The services were well attended last Sunday evening when Miss Spencer, representing the Student Volunteer Movement, ably spoke on missions. Next Sunday evening the subject will be "Womanhood," and the men are especially invited.

What do you go around looking so shabby for, when you can get a ready made suit, or a tailor made one for most any old price at Quinn & Broder's.

Our Coast Guards.

There are 9,000 burning lights and signals stretched along the American coasts, forming a perfect link, so that the navigator never need be beyond sight of one of the beacons. One thousand of these are located on the Atlantic coast, 1,500 are scattered along the rivers and inland waterways, 500 on the great lakes and 200 on the Pacific coast. Of the grand total, including lighthouses of different classes, buoys, beacons and danger signals, 3,000 are lighted, giving forth their warnings at nighttime. Of these a score or more throw a beam of 100,000 candle power. To maintain the lighthouse service a corps of over 4,000 men is constantly employed and a fleet of more than fifty vessels. No service in the world exceeds our own in completeness and efficiency.

"Pot Wallopers."

In certain districts of England formerly when an owner parted almost entirely with other rights to a house he would reserve the right of boiling his pot on the fire. This secured to him the right of voting and, what was of more importance, the position of being a freeholder. At Taunton, for example, the voters were called "pot wallopers" because they had the rights to "wallop," or boil, their pots at the fire in their freehold houses. Sometimes when a person parted with a long lease, but not with the freehold of a house, it was expressly stipulated that he should keep the right to boil his pot on the fire.

Where Horsewhips Are Prohibited.

There is a notable law in force in most of the large Russian towns concerning horses that deserves special mention. Among the curious things that arrest the attention on arriving in Moscow is the entire absence of whips among drivers of cabs, carriages and all sorts of vehicles. There is a law prohibiting their use. There is not a single whip in use in Moscow. The excellent condition of the horses attests the benefit of this humane law. Nothing can exceed the beauty of the sleek and well groomed horses used in the carriages of Moscow.

Fortune Spent on Buttons.

Forty thousand pounds was paid by Louis XIV. for one set of buttons for a waistcoat. This monarch had a positive passion for buttons, and in the year 1685 he spent a very large amount on this hobby. Among the items of his expenditure two are worthy of note—August, 1685, two diamond buttons, 67,866 francs; seventy-five diamond buttons, 586,703 francs. It is estimated that during his lifetime he spent £1,000,000 on buttons alone, and that at a time when the empire of France was in a state of bankruptcy.

Many people who are old enough to know better don't.

Many a man who gets the reputation of being a good husband is simply henpecked.

When a bride's mother goes to visit her his folks say that he must have married the whole family.

Not one man in ten walks with a woman on the streets as if he were not trying to get away from her.

It takes age to develop gratitude. Young people complain when they can't dance, but old folk are grateful if they can keep walking.

Here is a kin problem: A man is sick and homeless and poor. Which should inherit the care of him, his married son or his married daughter?—Atchison Globe.

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